



Joint Market and Supply Chain Update

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Key messages

- ◆ Improved availability of fruits and vegetables such as bananas, tomatoes, onions, carrots and potatoes continue in Northwest regions and prices are near normal.
- ◆ Heavy Karan rainfall in many locations in Northwest with some areas reporting delayed transport services and extremely muddy roads.
- ◆ Fuel prices remain the same in most markets throughout Somalia and are low reflecting the global trend.

Banadir and Hirshabelle

- In Beletweyne, two main bridges (Bundaweyn and Buunda Liqliqato) that were temporarily closed are now operational and transport services are now back to normal.
- In Beletweyne, retail prices of local cereals decreased by (-10% to -14%) and most imported food items remained the same as last week except wheat flour and sugar that decreased by (-6%) and (-10%) respectively.
- Due to reduced farming activities in Mataaban, the price of vegetables is high, as traders have to get produce from Beletweyne incurring additional transport costs. The supply in Beletweyne is also low due to the floods.
- In Bakara market, retail and wholesale prices of imported food items (rice, wheat flour, pasta, sugar, dates and vegetable oil) and local cereals (white maize, red and white sorghum) remained the same as last week and normal.
- In Jowhar, local cereals (white maize and red sorghum) prices remained the same compared with last week.
- Fuel prices have remained low and the same as last week in most markets. For instance, in Mogadishu prices remained at \$0.45 and \$0.50 for diesel and petrol respectively.
- The exchange rate of local currency vs USD remains the same in Banadir for the past one month at 25,000 SO SH per USD.

Galmuduug

- Prices of imported food items (rice, pasta, wheat flour, and sugar) remained the same in most markets for the past two weeks, except in Abudwaq market where the price of sugar (1kg) has increased by 5% and in Adado retail prices of local and imported food items remain the same as last week. However, wholesale prices of imported food items increased by (6% to 10%).
- The price of fruits and vegetables increased this week in Galkayo due to limited supply from Beletweyne caused by the floods. The price of tomatoes increased from \$1 to \$2 (100%) per kg and onions increased from \$ 0.9 to \$1 (11%) per Kg.
- In Galmudug, fuel prices remain low and decreasing in most markets. For instance, petrol (200 litre tank) prices dropped from \$12 to \$11(-8%) and diesel prices from \$10 to \$8 (-20%) in most markets.
- In Galkayo, daily labour rate exceeded 165,000 SO. SH. per day, which is a 3% increase compared with one month ago.
- In Galkayo Exchange rate of local currency Somali Shilling vs USD appreciated by (8%). The exchange rate between local currency decreased from 40,000 to 37,000 SO SH per USD.
- Price of camel milk remain high in most markets, for Instance in Adado and Abudwaq the price of camel milk is \$1.50 per litre while in Galkayo is \$2.0.

Somaliland

- Cross border between Ethiopia and Somaliland is now normal and supply of fruits and vegetables is now ongoing, prices are near normal. For instance in Hargeisa, prices of tomatoes, garlic, potatoes and onions remained the same as last week. Carrots slightly increased from 4,800 to 5,000 SL SH (4%).
- In addition, watermelon decreased by (-9%) in Hargeisa but scarcity of watermelons continues and markets are relying on Southern regions for supply.
- The price of fruits and vegetables in Burco market reduced due to high supply from Ethiopian side as well as high production of local farms that mostly produces onions, watermelon, tomato and garlic. For example the price of tomatoes, onions and potatoes reduced by (-13%), (-25%) and (-36%) respectively.
- Heavy Karaan rainfall in many locations of Northwest which temporarily halted transport services in some places, for instance in Ceel Sheikh but normalcy resumed after one day.
- The supply corridor between Borama to Abdikadir is affected by the heavy karan rains resulting to increased lead-time for trucks using the route.
- The supply corridor between Caasha-caddo village and Zeila town is affected by the strong monsoon winds blowing tiny loam soil thus blocking vehicles from accessing Zeila town.
- Fuel prices remain the same as last week in most markets and are low. For instance in Hargeisa, diesel is currently trading at 4,200 SL SH and petrol 5,000 SL SH. per litre.
- In most markets in Somaliland, camel milk prices remain the same as last week but is high. For instance in Hargeisa, price of camel milk is 9,500 SL SH per litre for two weeks in a row.
- Livestock prices (goat and sheep) slightly increased compared to last week. For instance, In Hargeisa, goat prices is fluctuating between \$73 and \$75 per head, export camel price increased from \$625 to \$680 (9%).
- The Somaliland Shilling appreciated minimally against the USD. For instance, in Hargeisa, the exchange rate is 8,500 SL SH. per USD.

Jubaland

- Kenya/Somalia border is still closed although smuggling of food commodities from Mandera through porous points in Beled Xaawo is ongoing.
- In Beled Xaawo, the political situation is volatile due to ongoing fights between Somalia National Army and Kenya Defence Forces.
- In Doolow, retail prices of imported food items (rice, wheat flour, pasta, sugar, dates and vegetable oil) and local cereals (white maize, red and white sorghum) remain the same as last week however, camel milk increased by (16%).
- In Kismayo, prices of local cereals remain the same as last week however, imported food items decreased by (-5% to -7%) due to increased supply in Kismayo port.
- The port of Kismayo is now active and vessels carrying goods are arriving hence high availability of imported food items in Kismayo market.
- In Gedo Livestock prices remain the same as last week and are low due to low demand.

Puntland

- In Bosasso port, boats and merchant ships from Oman and the United Arab Emirates carrying commercial cargo going to the harbour are stranded off the coast of Bossaso after sand filled the areas where the boats used to dock, due to the ongoing construction to enlarge the port.
- The price of rice continues to increase in most markets due to shortage of rice in the market, a 50 Kgs bag increased from \$25 to \$27 (8%) compared with last week.
- In Garowe, there were slight price changes ($\pm 5\%$) of fruits and vegetables compared with last week. However, supply and availability remain low. In addition, watermelon prices increased by 5% compared to last week in most markets due to scarcity.
- In Bossaso, tomato prices decreased by 11%, but other fruits and vegetables prices remain the same compared with last week and high. In addition, expected harvest of vegetables in Dharoor valley of Iskushuban district likely to be low due to locust outbreak five months ago.
- Camel milk prices are fluctuating between \$1 and \$1.3 in all the main markets of Puntland.
- Local livestock prices increased by (10% -15%) in Bossaso, Qardho, and Garowe markets. However, export quality livestock prices remain the same.
- Exchange rate between USD and Somali Shillings remained the same as last week at 40,000 So SH. per USD. Puntland is exhibiting the highest exchange rate in Somalia.
- Fuel prices remain the same as last week in most markets and are low.

South West

- In Baidoa, fuel prices decreased compared with last week and are low. Petrol (litre) decreased from \$0.92 to \$0.72 (-22%) and petrol from \$0.96 to \$0.80 (-17%).
- Supply of vegetables such as carrots, tomatoes and potatoes has improved in most markets and prices are declining. For instance, in Baidoa the cost of potatoes is \$0.5 per Kg.
- In Dinsoor, there is improved availability of key commodities in the market, which traders managed to smuggle into the town leading to decrease in prices.
- In Baidoa, prices of both local cereals and imported food items remain the same as last week. However, camel milk prices are high at \$1 per litre.
- In Xudur, prices of local cereals either increased or remained the same compared to last week and are high. Red and white sorghum increased slightly by (2%) while white maize remained the same.
- The exchange rate of local currency vs USD remains stable in most markets. For instance in Baidoa, Wajid and Xudur exchange rate has remained at 25,000 SO SH per USD for ten weeks in a row.

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